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1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee			
1003 650	2003 275	Plant filing fee			
1004 790	2004 395	Reissue filing fee			
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims before	Fee from	Fee Paid
Independent	-20** =	X	
Claims	-3** =	X	
Multiple Dependent			

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1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3			
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid over original patent			
1204 68	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent			
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent			
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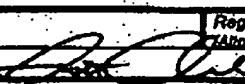
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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1053 130	1053 130	130	Non-English specification	
1612 2,520	1612 2,520	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1604 920*	1604 920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1605 1,840*	1605 1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	55	Extension for reply within first month	450.00
1252 430	2252 215	215	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490	490	Extension for reply within third month	
1264 1,530	2254 765	765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1265 2,080*	2265 1,040	1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170*	170*	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170*	170*	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,376	2501 665	665	Utility issue fee (or release)	
1502 480	2502 245	245	Design issue fee	
1503 880	2503 330	330	Plant issue fee	
1480 150	1480 130	130	Petition to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1808 180	1808 180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
6021 40	6021 40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
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1810 700	2810 395	395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 700	2801 395	395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 800	1802 600	600	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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